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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, CO

SUBJECT: SEMINARS IN COLOMBIA ON GSP

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 6862

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
TO ERNESTO SATIZABAL DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTO COLOMBIANO  
DE ADMINISTRACION, INCOLDA, RE GSP SEMINARS SCHEDULES  
FOR AUGUST 22-26.

2. JOSEPH PICCININO OF DUTY ASSESSMENT DIVISION,  
U.S. CUSTOMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS IN ADDITION  
TO MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. PICCININO WAS BORN  
1934 IN PHILADELPHIA, RECEIVED BUSINESS DEGREE FROM  
ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE, JOINED CUSTOMS IN 1962. HAS  
SERVED AS IMPORT SPECIALIST IN FIELD OPERATIONS;  
TRANSFERRED TO HEADQUARTERS STAFF IN 1972 AND IS  
EXPERT ON ENTRIES UNDER GSP.

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3. INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART (ITM) REP WILL PAY OWN  
PER DIEM EXPENSES THUS REDUCING INCOLDA BUDGET BY  
ABOUT 200 DOLLARS.

4. ITM UNDERSTANDS INCOLDA PLANS SEEK SOME FORM OF CO-  
SPONSORSHIP WITH CIPE, PROEXPO, AND COLOMBIAN-  
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE

CONFIRMATION OF ANY SUCH PLANS. INCOLDA IS ALSO REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS WITHIN COLOMBIA FOR ENTIRE GROUP INCLUDING THOSE WHICH WILL BE PAYING THEIR OWN EXPENSES. AIRLINE TICKETING CAN THEN BE DONE ONCE GROUP IS IN BOGOTA.

5. ITM HAS INDICATED GROUP WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SUCH AS MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT IF THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLICITY OF SEMINARS.

6. ITM WOULD LIKE TO HOLD GENERAL BRIEFING OF PARTICIPANTS SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 21, AND INVITES SATIZABAL AND ANY OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON THE COLOMBIAN SIDE TO JOIN THEM FOR DINNER.

7. FOR EMBASSY: ITM ALSO DESIRES PHOTO COVERAGE FOR SEMINARS IF COST IS NOT PROHIBITIVE. REQUEST USIS HAVE AVAILABLE NAMES OF POSSIBLE PHOTOGRAPHERS AND IF FEASIBLE SOME GUIDANCE RE PRICES. ANY APPROPRIATE USIS PRESS PLACEMENT EFFORT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. NO OTHER SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY APPEARS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME EMBASSY ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AS NEEDED IN THE SEMINAR AS WELL AS ANY COORDINATION ACTIVITY WITH INCOLDA WHICH  
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MIGHT APPEAR NECESSARY. CHRISTOPHER

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